Exploration of Gas in Tripura

2067. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 714 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th November, 2002 and state:

(a) the names of the spots in Tripura where drillings by ONGC have been fruitful;

(b) the quantity of gas dischargeable everyday;

(c) the quantity of gas discharged everyday at 'present for the purpose of use of the public; and

(d) the plan Government would like to hit upon to utilise the dischargeable quantity of gas to the maximum possible extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has established the presence of gas at Konaban, Manikyanagar, Agartala Dome, Baramura, Gojalia andTichna areas in the State of Tripura. At present, gas is in production from Baramura, Rokhia(Konaban, Manikyanagar) and Agartala Dome, fields.

(b) to (d) The current rate of supply of gas to different consumers through Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) is in the range of 1.28 to 1.37 Million Standard Cubic Meter Per Day (MMSCMD) depending upon the off-take by various gas consumers, as against the production potential of about 4.0 MMSCMD. Allocation of natural gas to M/s. North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd. (NEEPCO) and M/s Oswal Chemicals and Fertilizers is 2.0 MMSCMD and 2.4 MMSCMD respectively, totalling to 4.4 MMSCMD. ONGC plans to upgrade its production and surface handling capacity to keep pace with the demand.

Gas leakage at Mathura Oil Refinery

†2068. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an incident of gas leakage took place in Mathura Oil Refinery in the recent past;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.